

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0016] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0016] In Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, where the reference numbers are increased by twenty, the window designated by 16 in Fig. 2 is filled by an elastic element 25. This is made from a light material, preferably a plastic, and consists of a hard part 26, which extends over the entire axial length of the compensating weight 22, and soft parts 31 on both sides of the hard part. Hard and soft parts can be injection-molded together in one piece. For fastening the elastic element 25 on the shaft 21, the latter has a stepped transverse bore 30. The hard central part 26 of the elastic element 25 has a radially inwardly projecting root 27, which ends in a hook-shaped enlargement 28. During assembly of the compensating shaft, this root 27 is inserted into the transverse bore 30 until its hook snaps ~~[[in]]~~ in the enlargement of the transverse bore and is then fixed by means of a metal reinforcement 29. The soft part 31 of the elastic element 25 can be connected to the delimiting surface 32 of the unbalance mass. The elastic element 25 fills the window entirely, so that the compensating weight has a cylindrical outer contour. Furthermore, the directional arrow 33 on both sides in Fig. 4 indicates that the eccentric unbalance part 24 with the edge zones 23 can rotate out of the position shown in both directions in relation to the shaft 21.